

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An apparatus for guiding a flexible hole-drilling instrument to an obstructed area of a surface, comprising:

a body, wherein said body includes one or more external faces and is made of an electrically nonconductive material;

an inlet aperture, wherein said inlet aperture penetrates a face of said body for inserting the flexible hole-drilling instrument;

an exit aperture, wherein said exit aperture penetrates a face of said body;

and

a raceway extending through said body and between linking said inlet and exit apertures, wherein said raceway has a cross sectional area and is nonlinear.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 1 ~~further comprising wherein:~~

said body further comprises a face substantially conforming to the obstructed area of the surface.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 2 wherein:

said exit aperture ~~is located~~ penetrates said body ~~[[on]]~~ through said substantially conforming face.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 3 further comprising:

~~a locating feature~~ locator on a face for contacting the surface and accurately ~~locating~~ positioning said exit aperture in relation to the obstructed area of the surface.

Claim 5 (original): The apparatus of claim 4 wherein:

said raceway cross sectional area is circular.

Claims 6-8 (canceled)

Claim 9 (new): The apparatus of claim 1 wherein:
the electrically nonconductive material is a photocurable polymer.

Claim 10 (new): The apparatus of claim 3 wherein:
said inlet aperture penetrates said body through a face other than said substantially
conforming face.